

American Legion Post 410 Jackpot Reaches Record High

Hundreds Expected for Estimated \$120,643 Jackpot Drawing Wednesday

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WHITESTOWN, Ind. – Whitestown Police will be closing Main Street Wednesday evening, as hundreds of people are expected to crowd into the normally quiet area of Whitestown's historic Legacy Core for a chance to win \$120,643. There are only four numbers left from which to choose in the charity raffle, meaning that someone will win the jackpot within the next four weeks. Police officers will block off Main Street and control traffic in the area every Wednesday evening until the jackpot is hit.

The Treasure Hunt game began with 52 sealed numbers on a board. Each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, a ticket is drawn. The person whose raffle ticket is drawn gets to pick a remaining number on the board. Each number has a prize behind it, but only one numbers hides the jackpot. With four numbers remaining, the jackpot has already grown to a record amount, far surpassing last year's jackpot which reached \$85,702 during the 52 weeks of play.

"The Whitestown American Legion Post 410 'Treasure Hunt' game has been terrific for our Post." said Auxiliary President Dawn Semmler. "We've been at beyond-capacity crowds for several weeks now, and the crowd grows every single week. It's been standing room only on our entire property, with customers spilling out onto the Big 4 Trail, into parking lots, and even into the street – hence the need for our police department to control traffic during the hour or so up to and after the drawing. It's been so exciting to see our usually quiet downtown bustling with people and excitement!" said Semmler.

Treasure Hunt tickets cost \$1 and must be purchased before 6pm on Wednesdays. Because the drawing is open to non-members as well as members, the raffle is drawing people in from communities all over central Indiana.

"This game has brought a huge economic benefit to our Post and to the Legacy Core." said Post 410 Commander Tige Badillo. "People are coming early to eat and spending money at several of our area restaurants, not just the American Legion." said Badillo.

Whitestown American Legion Post 410 pumps money made from their profits back into the community, providing several scholarships each year to children and family members of local service members and veterans. They also regularly donate books and money to Perry Worth Elementary School. The Whitestown American Legion Post is located at 5 Linville Ave. Whitestown, IN.

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